



Army CyberGuide Program

Thank you for your interest in **ECYBERMISSION** — the Army's new web-based science, math, and technology competition for 7th and 8th grade students — and the Army CyberGuide Program! The CyberGuide Program is an essential element of **ECYBERMISSION**, as it will provide a direct link between Army personnel and the competition's participants. The following are some Frequently Asked Questions that will help you understand the purpose of the Army CyberGuide Program and how you can help out with **ECYBERMISSION**.

What Is **ECYBERMISSION**?

ECYBERMISSION is a unique science, math, and technology competition for middle school students that allows students to compete via the Internet. It encourages and rewards a diverse range of proficiency levels, interests, and backgrounds. The competition promotes self-discovery and encourages students to recognize the real life applications of these disciplines. A Beta Test of **ECYBERMISSION** was completed in Spring 2002, and the national roll-out will begin October 1, 2002.

Why Is the Army Sponsoring a Competition for Students?

The Army has recognized a decrease in the number of students interested in science, math and technology careers nationwide and the ever-growing need to remain globally competitive in these fields.

- ✓ The Army Transformation is accelerating
- ✓ We are facing a human resource shortage in our Nation's Science and Engineering workforce
- ✓ **ECYBERMISSION** enables The Army to return something to America's communities for the service of their sons and daughters to the Nation

What Is the Role of an **ECYBERMISSION** CyberGuide?

CyberGuides provide online assistance to **ECYBERMISSION** teams, answering questions and providing guidance through the use of bulletin boards, chat rooms and instant messaging. CyberGuides play a crucial role in the competition, keeping teams on target and helping to maintain their interest and enthusiasm for **ECYBERMISSION**. CyberGuides:

- ✓ Work a two-hour online shift once per week during a weekday afternoon, evening, or over the weekend
- ✓ Provide prompt project assistance and encouragement to teams
- ✓ Have instant message conversations with students and schedule moderated on-line chat sessions on specific competition topics



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- ✓ Reply to bulletin board questions posted by teams
 - ✓ Serve from 1 October to mid-March, when the judging has been completed

Who Are the CYBERMISSION CyberGuides?

CyberGuides are volunteer Army and civilian personnel with backgrounds in science and/or engineering. Approximately 50 CyberGuides are needed for the initial launch on October 1st.

What are the Qualifications for CyberGuides?

CyberGuides ideally should meet all or most of the qualifications listed below:

- ✓ Knowledge of math, science and/or technology
- ✓ A desire to work with middle school aged children in a learning, coaching, or competition environment
- ✓ Strong experience navigating the Internet and conducting online research
- ✓ Some exposure to bulletin board, chat and instant messaging online communication tools
- ✓ Access to a computer with an Internet connection at work and/or at home
- ✓ Good communication skills

Where Are CyberGuides Located?

CyberGuides are located throughout the United States and assist a geographically diverse student population.

What Is the Time Commitment for an CYBERMISSION CyberGuide?

Each CyberGuide is asked to work one two-hour shift each week. CyberGuide duties officially begin on October 1, 2002 and end February 28, 2003. Some time is required at the beginning of the competition

to review informational materials. CyberGuides complete an online survey at the conclusion of the competition to provide their feedback.



When Do CyberGuides Perform Their Duties?

In most cases, CyberGuides perform their duties outside of normal work hours. CyberGuides will be online late in the afternoon and evenings on weekdays from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Some CyberGuides will work weekend shifts either on Saturday afternoon, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., or Sunday evening, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (*Note: the time frames above are EST.*)


What Support Do CyberGuides Receive?

CyberGuides have a unique user's guide to assist in learning about and fulfilling their roles and responsibilities. A CyberGuide coordinator is also available to assist with questions, scheduling issues, and to provide program updates.

How Can I Find Out More Information About CYBERMISSION and Participating in The CyberGuide Program?

We hope you will participate in the  CYBERMISSION CyberGuide Program and help make the Fall 2002 national launch of  CYBERMISSION a success.

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